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### **COMMISSIONERS TO CONTINUE MUNICIPAL RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

FREDERICK, MD – The Frederick Board of County Commissioners today approved the continuation of the municipal recycling drop-off center incentives program for Emmitsburg, Middletown and Walkersville, which are currently participating in a pilot of the program. As the program will now be available to only five municipalities, the board will also include the City of Brunswick and Town of Thurmont, if they choose to participate in the future.

The board launched the one-year pilot program in July 1, 2012, allowing monetary incentives to municipalities that instituted single stream recycling drop-off centers that were open to the public. The Division of Utilities and Solid Waste Management (DUSWM) recommended the pilot program in light of the discontinuation of the county's residential recycling drop-off centers (as of July 1, 2011) that were deemed unnecessary after the expansion of the single stream collection program to all Frederick County residential properties in late 2008.

BOCC President Blaine Young commented, "We are pleased to continue this valuable program that meets the needs of our municipalities as well as addresses the growing interest in recycling in Frederick County. This board has reached out in many ways to better serve our municipalities and this is just one more example of the good relationship we have with our local officials and the citizens throughout the county."

The board modified the pilot program by reducing the annual budget for the incentive program from \$100,000 to \$50,000; revised the method of allocating funds for each municipal recycling drop-off center to a formula based on actual costs by the municipalities (maximum of \$10,000 per year per municipality); decided to reimburse each participating municipality on a quarterly basis for actual costs, and will allow a one-time reimbursement for additional costs for municipalities above costs incurred during the pilot program for the operation of the drop-off center (not to exceed \$10,000 per municipality).

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